

SPRING ARBOR UNIVERSITY
Alternative Preparation for Secondary Health Education Endorsement (MA)

To qualify for the Alternative Preparation for Secondary Health Education Endorsement, teachers must:

1. Be currently certified to teach grades 6-12 in any subject in the state of Michigan.
2. Have six years of teaching experience during the past 10 years.
3. Currently teaching health or sex education.

Alternative Preparation Health Education Secondary Endorsement requirements and policies at Spring Arbor University are as follows:

1. Twenty (20) credit hours are required to receive a post-BA alternative preparation secondary health education endorsement from Spring Arbor University.
2. Up to six credit hours of health education courses may be transferred from other institutions.
3. Teachers may receive credit for completing ISD/RESA sponsored workshop combined with teaching experience in health education up to a maximum of nine credit hours. (Note: See attached information regarding credit-by-examination.)
4. All MA endorsement candidates must take the two courses in teaching methods (HLT 437) and planning (HLT 344) from Spring Arbor University.
5. Once enrolled in the program students are required to pass each course with a minimum of a 2.0 (C) grade and maintain a cumulative of 2.6 GPA to be recommended for endorsement by Spring Arbor University to the Michigan Department Education.
6. All MA endorsement candidates must pass the MTTC in Health Education to be certified by the Michigan Department of Education for secondary health education.

Summer 2007 Courses

Spring Arbor University will offer two summer courses for teachers who are seeking MA (Health Education) endorsement.

1. HLT 342 – Teaching Health Concepts II: Human Sexuality and STD Prevention (3 semester hours) Dates, times, and location to be determined.
2. HLT 344 – Planning the School Health Program (4 semester hours) Dates, times and location to be determined.

Note: The remainder of the required courses for the health education endorsement will be offered in the summer of 2008 and 2009 as well as their regular evening offerings during fall and spring semesters of the school year.

The cost of the 2007 summer courses will be \$270.00 per credit hour

Required Materials to Enroll:

- _____ SAU application for non-degree teacher endorsement
- _____ \$30 application fee, if non-SAU graduate (checks written to Spring Arbor University)
- _____ Copy of teaching certificate
- _____ Official transcript sent directly from colleges or universities where any health education courses were taken, if transfer credit is desired. (Mail to Terri Reeves, as below.)
- _____ Letter on letterhead and signature from school principal or curriculum director verifying time frame, length of years, and name of courses applicant has taught in the area of health education.

For More Information Contact:

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Guidelines for Credit-by-Examination for Professional Development and Teaching Experience

By agreement with the Michigan Department of Education and Spring Arbor University certain individuals may be “fast-tracked” in the MA endorsement through a credit-by-examination process. Up to nine semester credits in the Spring Arbor University MA endorsement can be completed in this matter. The nine hours include the Concept I, II, and III content courses of HLT 341, 342, and 343. Credit-by-examination can be offered to any student who meets the criteria, as stated below for each of the courses. The examination involves a 25 question multiple-choice exam worth 50 points. Anyone passing with score of 40 points (80%) will qualify for credit in that course. Cost for the credit is \$30 per credit hour (\$90 per course), payable once the examination is passed. Credit will then be recorded on the student’s transcript for the course to which it applies.

To qualify for the credit-by-examination the student must be able to verify they have taken the appropriate workshops and have the two years of teaching experience.

- ISD/RESA participation must be verified by appropriate materials from the ISD/RESA workshop attended.
- Verification of teaching experience must be provided on the student’s school letterhead and be dated and signed by the student’s principal.

The examination can only be taken one time for any of three courses. Failure of the exam will require the individual to take the course. Time and dates for the exams will be announced.

Credit-by-Examination Criteria for each Course:

HLT 341 Teaching Health Concepts I: Nutrition and Physical Activity (3 hours)

Teachers who have attended Michigan Model Health Workshops on the Nutrition and Physical Activity modules and have at least two years experience teaching these modules may receive credit for HLT 341(Teaching Health Concepts I) through the credit-by-examination process, if the examination is successfully completed.

HLT 342 Teaching Health Concepts II: Human Sexuality & STD Prevention (3 hours)

Teachers who have attended a secondary HIV-AIDS full-day workshop and a Secondary Sex Education full-day workshop from any ISD or RESA in Michigan within the past two years and have at least two years experience teaching sex education may receive credit for HLT 342 (Human Sexuality and STD Prevention) through the credit-by-examination process, if the examination is successfully completed.

HLT 343 Teaching Health Concepts III: Violence, Suicide, and Substance Abuse Prevention and Character (3 hours)

Teachers who have attended Michigan Model Health workshops on the Violence Prevention, Character Education, and Substance Abuse prevention modules and have at least two years experience teaching these modules may receive credit for HLT 343 (Teaching Health Concepts III) through the credit-by-examination process, if the examination is successfully completed *3 credit hours*

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Courses and Dates of Offering

	Required Health Ed. Courses		
*HLT 341	Teaching Health Concepts I: Nutrition and Physical Activity	3	Summer 2008 **Spring 2008
*HLT 342	Teaching Health Concepts II: Human Sexuality & STD Prevention	3	Summer 2007 **Fall 2007
*HLT 343	Teaching Health Concepts III: Violence, Suicide, and Substance Abuse Prevention and Character	3	Summer 2009 **Spring 2008
HLT 344	Planning the School Health Program	4	Summer 2007 **Fall 2008
HLT 437	Teaching Skills and Methods in Health Education	4	Summer 2008 **Spring 2009
HLT 447	Assessment and Evaluation in Health Education	3	Summer 2009 **Fall 2008
	Total Hrs in Health Education Endorsement	20	

*These courses are pre-requisite to HLTH 344, 437, and 447 for anyone taking them in the regular secondary education minor 25 semester hour minor. They can only be taken out of sequence for those enrolled in the fast-track 20 semester hour endorsement program.

** Offered in one evening per week format during the semester stated.